(*a*) whether the Government has received any representation regarding the establishment of City Improvement Trust Board for Davanagere City;

(*b*) if so, the steps taken in this regard ?

Sri B. BASAVALINGAPPA (Minister for Municipal Administration.)—

(*a*) Yes.

(*b*) Action will be taken to set up an Improvement Trust Board after the Mysore Urban Development Boards Bill, 1973 is finalised.

CALLING ATTENTION TO MATTERS OF URGENT PUBLIC IMPORTANCE

(*i*) *re:— Acute scarcity of drinking water in Tumkur Town.*

Sri K. Abdul Subhan(Tumkur).— I call the attention of the Minister for Municipal Administration to the acute scarcity of drinking water in Tumkur Town.

Sri B. Basavalingappa.—(Minister for Municipal Administration).—I state as follows.

The Water supply and distribution in Tumkur Town is being maintained by the Town Municipal Council, Tumkur. There is some scarcity of drinking water in Tumkur town due to increase of population.

The water nuppiy to Tumkur town at present is in the order of 8 gallons per capita per day and is not adequate. Improvements by sinking of test wells in waste weir halla of Mydala Tank and Gulharvi village taken by the Public Health Engineering Department had to be abandoned due to the agitation by ryots. Action Taken for sinking borewells in the feeder halla of Agrahara Tank in Suvarnamukhi also had to be abandoned on similar grounds. The condition of water supply being nnsatisfactory and on a request made by the Municipality several alternatives including the one by raising the capacity of Mydala tank and others were in-

vestigated. On economic grounds, the supply to the town by borewells is found to be feasible. Keeping in view the above feasibility and the availability of fast drilling rigs and the underground water source being favourable for being tapped for supply of water to the Tumkur town. Proposals for drilling a number of bore wells in and around Tumkur town was got at a cost of Rs. 54.25 lakhs to provide 20 g. p. c. d. to the prospective population estimated to be 1,00,000 souls by 2001. Detailed plans and estimates are yet to be prepared by the Chief Engineer (Minor Irrigation and P. H. Engineering).

Sri K. Abdul Subhan.—The hon. Minister has been pleased to inform us that the proposal for sinking borewells has been given up because of an agitation by the raiyats. There is one more proposal to sink borewells. If an agitation were to come from the raiyats, may I know the attitude of the Government ?

Sri B. Basavalingappa.—As the hon. member comes from that area, he may just persuade the people who are agitating against tapping of water from Mydala tank not to do so. The Government has no objection to take up the scheme at any time. Since the people are agitating against tapping of water from this source, we have to resort to sinking of borewells.

Sri Abdul Khuddus Anwar.—When are you going to take up the work of sinking of borewells ?

Sri B. Basavalingappa.—We will take up that work soon.

(ii) re: Acute scarcity of water in Gulbarga City.

Sri Mallikarjuna Kharge.—(Gurmitkal) I call the attention of the Minister for Municipal Administration to the acute scarcity of water in Gulbarga City.

B. Basavalingappa.—(Minister for Municipal Administration).—I state as follows.